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SUBJECT: NSC TO ISSUE "IMPORTANT" STATEMENT; EGYPTIAN
- SOURCE CRITICIZES ISRAELI DOCUMENT

SUMMARY. PRESS CLAIMS EGYPTIAN NSC WILL ISSUE
IMPORTANT STATEMENT ON EGYPTIAN POSITION IN CAMP DAVID
TALKS. COMMENTARIES WARN THAT AMERICAN ROLE IN MIDDLE
EAST WILL NO LONGER BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY IF U.S. FAILS
TO PRODUCE POSITIVE RESULTS AT CAMP DAVID. END SUMMARY.

1. NSC TO MEET. MAIN STORY IN ALL PAPERS AUGUST 30
IS NSC MEETING TONIGHT TO DISCUSS EGYPTIAN POSITIONS
FOR CAMP DAVID. HEADLINES EMPHASIZE THAT ALTERNATE
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STRATEGIES WILL BE DISCUSSED IN CASE SUMMIT DOES NOT
ACHIEVE EXPECTED RESULTS. AHRAH'S POLITICAL CORRES-
PONDENT CLAIMS NSC PLANS TO ISSUE IMPORTANT STATEMENT
DEFINING EGYPT'S POSITION ON ISSUES CONCERNING ARAB
CAUSE IN GENERAL AND PALESTINIAN CASE IN PARTICULAR.
STORY STRESSES THAT EGYPT ATTACHES IMPORTANCE TO CAMP
DAVID MEETING AND CRITICIZES ISRAEL FOR ATTEMPTING TO

REDUCE IMPORTANCE OF CAMP DAVID BY ANNOUNCING OLD PLANS.

2. COMMENTS BY "OFFICIAL EGYPTIAN SOURCE." SOURCE COMMENTS THAT ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTRY DOCUMENTS SHOW THAT ISRAEL EXPECTS CAMP DAVID TO FAIL, BUT WANTS NEGOTIATIONS TO CONTINUE AS IF THEY WERE END IN THEMSELVES. SOURCE SAYS DOCUMENT DENIES NECESSITY OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL AND IN FACT ADDS NEW ELEMENTS: PERMANENT ISRAELI MILITARY AND CIVIL PRESENCE IN ALL TERRITORIES AND RIGHT OF ISRAELIS TO BUY LAND AND TRAVEL AND LIVE WHEREVER THEY WISH.

3. MARCHING FOR PEACE. PRESS PLAYS UP MARCH INTO ABDIN PALACE SQUARE YESTERDAY MORNING IN WHICH SEVERAL HUNDRED YOUTH AND LABOR DEMONSTRATORS DECLARED SUPPORT FOR SADAT'S PEACE POLICIES. PICTURES ON FRONT PAGE SHOW VP MUBARAK ADDRESSING CROWD AND PRESIDENT SADAT LATER RECEIVING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THIS GROUP IN ISMAILIA. PRESS HIGHLIGHTED MUBARAK'S REMARKS THAT EGYPT WILL GIVE UP NEITHER LAND NOR DIGNITY AND THAT PRESIDENT SADAT WILL CONTINUE THE BATTLE FOR PEACE.

4. U.S. ROLE. GUMHURIYYA IN SECOND-LEAD STORY REPORTS SPECULATION FROM WASHINGTON THAT THERE IS LIKELIHOOD THAT U.S. WOULD SEND AMERICAN FORCES TO MIDDLE EAST TO GUARANTEE A SETTLEMENT. IN COMMENTARIES, U.S. UNCLASSIFIED

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IS CALLED UPON TO LIVE UP TO ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, AND PROVE ITS ABILITY TO EXERCISE A DECISIVE ROLE. OTHER COMMENTATORS STATE U.S. STAND IS STILL AMBIGUOUS AND WONDER IF PRESIDENT CARTER CAN STOP ISRAELI MANEUVERS AIMED AT OBSTRUCTING PEACE. COMMENTATOR WARNS THAT NOBODY WOULD SERIOUSLY ACCEPT ANY NEW AMERICAN ROLE IF CAMP DAVID FAILS TO PRODUCE SOMETHING NEW. COMMENTATOR CLAIMS U.S. HAS BEGUN TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT POSSIBILITY OF SADAT MAKING "MILITARY DECISION" ONCE UNEF MANDATE EXPIRES.

5. BEGIN. GUMHURIYYA EDITORIAL SAYS THAT BEGIN MUST UNDERSTAND THAT IF NEGOTIATIONS FAIL, IT IS LEGITIMATE TO RESORT TO A MORE EFFECTIVE MEANS TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THIS IS NOT A THREAT BUT A STATEMENT OF FACTS. CONTINUATION OF NEGOTIATIONS MEANS BEGIN MUST PROVE HE IS READY TO WITHDRAW FOR NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOT END IN THEMSELVES. IN LOW CIRCULATION ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER, THERE IS AN EDITORIAL IN WHICH BEGIN IS ONCE AGAIN DESCRIBED AS A "MASS MURDERER" WHO ORDERED THE MASSACRE OF PALESTINIANS AT DEIR YASSIN. MATTHEWS

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